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Mistakes not to be repeated

President Sadat of Egypt has enough worries on his hand not to need the headache of the rather embarrassing incident that took place at Larnaca airport in Cyprus this week. We still do not have an authoritative report of exactly what happened at Larnaca airport to be able to judge who was to blame for the fighting between the Egyptian commandos and the Cypriot National Guard unit. What is certain, however, is that the incident was a total disaster for all involved, and it is pure luck that the hostages and the plane's crew were not also killed in the fighting that took place before the two gunmen surrendered.

It is a difficult exercise, however, to try to determine who is right and who is wrong in this case, but we feel it is both ungracious and unnecessary for the leader of one nation to go around after the fact calling the leader of another nation a dwarf. Such actions will neither bring back the life of Youssef Sibai nor do honour to the Egyptian commandos who were killed at Larnaca. Similarly, it does nobody any good to attack the Egyptians indiscriminately as warmongers or imperialists for their actions at Larnaca.

The fact is -- if anybody in this part of the world admits straight facts anymore -- that the Larnaca airport adventure was obviously badly planned and disastrously executed. What we have witnessed is a human failure of the first magnitude, due to a combination of overheated passions, bad communications, misperceived intentions and uncoordinated enthusiasm among the world's anti-terror forces. It would be the wisest thing now for the Cypriot authorities to try the two killers of Mr. Sibai and give them a sentence as severe as the crime they committed, and for the Egyptians and the Cypriots and everyone else to learn from the terrible mistakes of this week, to try and avoid repeating them in the future.

New community centre will advance social development

Text and photos by John Rigg
Special to the Jordan Times

Up until the mid 1960's, social work in Jordan, and indeed, throughout the Arab World, had been based on a charity concept. That is, medical and financial aid was distributed to the people who needed it.

This was all well and good, but people weren't learning to better their situations. Mr. Issam Ajlouni, a former social worker, and now Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, realizing the need for trained personnel in the early sixties, worked on a training programme for social workers.

With the help of UNICEF he began a three month intensive course in social work skills for business, organisations, etc. Unfortunately, the course proved too difficult for most of the enrollees, some of whom had no high school diploma. It was far too intensive for them to handle, and consequently, the methods they used after graduation were inferior and Mr. Ajlouni's high hopes were frustrated.

In 1966, Mr. Ajlouni proposed a two year training scheme, to provide necessary background training, and give an adequate grounding in the field of social work.

The Jordanian Institute of Social Work was established and Mr. Ajlouni was its first head.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Malhas spoke of the mammoth pilot project at Allan, where this reciprocal aid scheme will soon be put into operation.

Community involvement

The Jordan Community Development Centre at Allan, as it is tentatively called, was first planned about four years ago, and the 3,500 metre complex has just been completed. It sits on 42 acres of wooded land in the Salt district and was completed at a cost of 200,000 J.D.

The suggested aims of the project are, first of all to provide services for development both nationally and locally. It will encourage private participation and community involvement in development programmes as well as serve as a model for other regions throughout the country. It will encompass a training school which will cater to all fields of social development, particularly health, welfare and vocational training. Local leaders and businessmen will also receive training in administration and organisation so that they will eventually take the initiative in making local governmental decisions, without having to refer to Amman all the time.

The centre will have financial and administrative independence within the framework of the Department of Social Affairs and will be composed of six working units: a. a unit for the development of society b. a unit for researches and planning c. a unit for producing educational materials and means d. a unit for rural industries i.e. manual skills e. a unit for manpower training f. a unit for financial aid and administration

The person in charge of each unit will be connected with the manager of the centre, financially, technically and administratively.

Public meeting

Over the past few weeks numerous meetings have taken place in the buildings between various government officials to decide how and where to begin the work of organising the facilities.

On Jan. 21st the culminating meeting took place and representatives of all the 14 villages under the centre's jurisdiction were invited to air their views and state their immediate needs. Also present was Dr. David Anderson, the American advisor to the project, who is in Jordan at the request of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. In a speech to the people

of the area, he expressed the need for mutual co-operation between themselves and the centre by saying, "Although the government can give you a doctor, basic dental services, maternal and child care, health education classes, nutrition advisors, an up-grading

give this centre an agricultural engineer and a specialist in animal husbandry as well as a special training programme for farmers."

These specialists will work out of the training centre with the assistance of the trainees.

The new Jordan Community Development Centre at Allan.



Sheikh Iamen Alkhalil (left) Director of the Education Department in Salt is stating the educational needs of the Allan area while Mr. Khalil Faudy, Director of Planning in the Department of Social Affairs (centre) and Mr. Peter G. L. Wess Social Advisor with the British Ministry of Overseas Development look on.

of agricultural services and so on, there are things that the government can not do. You are crucial and basic to any success in these empty buildings."

A representative of the village of Siha spoke for all when he expressed the need

"Every village will have complete services," remarked Mr. Khalid Rhadydeh, General Director of the Department of Social Affairs.

"This will be accomplished via the in-service trainees at the centre. It will not be necessary for anyone to go to Amman for aid. It will all be here."

In Amman, the present training centre is limited to a two year diploma course, but when it is relocated to Allan it is hoped that this will be expanded to the Master's degree level.

Specialists from overseas will be contracted to teach as visiting lecturers, while fellowships will be sought after in foreign universities to enable trainees to continue studying in specific fields.

But these plans are still on paper. What remains now, is to resolve where to begin their implementation.

Dr. Anderson, a specialist in community development, concluded the meeting at Allan by speaking to all parties concerned.

"Since the centre was planned, conditions have changed somewhat, but there are still some real needs as far as services and development in the area. I think that these services, in time, will all be provided from this centre. But you know as well as I that it can't all be done at once. Therefore, it is up to the local community to assist each other to develop yourselves with a regular programme for local development in the outlying Allan communities."

"Perhaps it is a little far into the future, but this centre is huge enough to cover your needs and more. The trained technical skills of Jordan are stolen by other countries. There is a crying need for skilled workers, not only in Allan, but in all of the Kingdom. This could be a strong training centre locally and nationally. It is a demonstration and pilot area where we hope to show you, and indeed the whole country, its importance and progress."

In-service trainees

Dr. Hassan Araibeh, Director of the Department of Research and Study in the Department of Agriculture replied that, "We are ready to

for a permanent agricultural office to be established. Agriculture is the livelihood of the majority of the villages, so education in new techniques, particularly crop rotation and fertilization are a major concern."



The meeting at Allan was chaired by representatives of the local governments as well as the department of social affairs in Amman. From left to right, Mohammad Sore Assistant Director of Social Affairs; Mr. Khalid Alraydeh Director General of Social Affairs; Mr. Mahmoud Alkhalil Governor of the Salt district; Mr. Bassam Malhas Director of the Department of Social Work and Mr. Abu Shant the Zaki District governor.

BUSINESS GRAPEVINE

compiled and edited by John Bonar

Still more flizz for the Arab World

A new company has been formed in Egypt called Cairo Beverages and Industrial Co. Its original \$10.12 million capital at Egypt's official exchange rate of \$2.53 to the EE has recently been increased by 50 per cent bringing it to \$15.18 million. Almost 20 per cent of the investment is Egyptian.

The company is going to produce Seven-Up soft drinks. It follows on the heels of investments in Egypt by both Coca-Cola and Pepsi Cola.

The shareholders of Cairo Beverages according to the New York based MidEast Report newsletter, range from Shahr Abdul Haq, a businessman from North Yemen to the American University of Cairo Trust Fund. Unconfirmed reports say that both Ashraf Marwan, President Sadat's political adviser and Kamel Adham, the influential adviser to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia are also shareholders.

The newsletter reported in its latest issue that the project has so far cost \$20 million and by the end of 1981 a total investment of \$80 million will have been made by Cairo Beverages in Egypt. "Seven-Up," the publication says, "will have to commit that amount."

So far the Cairo factory has a capacity of 70,000 24-bottle cases a day and it is planned to increase production to over 100,000 cases a day by the end of 1978.

Seven-Up is planning to expand into both northern and southern Egypt in 1980. Cairo Beverages will be an integrated company with construction now under way of plants to manufacture its own plastic cases, bottle caps and other components. The company is also planning to invest \$30 million into an existing glass company in Cairo.

Koreans prove strong threat to Japanese

The Japanese construction industry is reported to be in trouble. According to the Middle East Newsletter, published in New York, the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is concerned.

The newsletter quotes a high MITI official as saying the main reason the Japanese were not getting Middle East orders is the attractiveness of Korean tenders in the area. An example cited is the loss of a \$350 million Iranian

power station deal which the Japanese thought their proven expertise at this type of construction would swing their way. Instead the Iranians quite happily accepted a cheaper Korean bid.

This inability to win major contracts in the Middle East is considered by many Tokyo-based international contractors to be the root of their industry's depression.

Since most Japanese contractors bid in either local currency or in dollars, the appreciating yen value has forced them to adjust their costing upwards so there is no relief in sight.

Fighting Hawk planned

British Aerospace is considering a single-seat fighter version of the Hawk ground attack/trainer jet which was demonstrated last week to Jordanian government and military officials at the end of a four-week tour of the Middle East.

The present two-seater Hawk, which entered service in November 1976 is in volume production to meet a 170 plane order for the British RAF. Fifty planes have also been purchased by Finland.

Hawker Siddeley, which is now part of British Aerospace Group, has already completed a feasibility study on a more powerful single-seat fighter version and has built a wooden mock-up in order that engineers can decide how to make best use of the extra space that would be available in the forward fuselage.

The fighter version could offer a considerable increase in range because of its ability to carry more fuel. Alternatively, the extra load could be additional equipment or an increased weapons package.

BUSINESS GRAPEVINE

This is the last Business Grapevine to appear on Saturday. From next week this column will appear on Thursday.

Please remember we are always on the lookout for interesting items about companies and businesses in the Middle East. So if a funny thing happens to you on the way to the airport in Doha, Abu Dhabi or Kuwait please let us know.

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The Jordan Times wants to see the work of photographers with black and white prints of any and all scenes in Jordan, either individual pictures or collections of photo-stories on a single theme. We are interested in publishing individual photos or photo-stories on a regular basis, and we'd like to see the work of local photographers, both Jordanians and non-Jordanians alike.

If you have photos to show or would like to do some feature photos for the Jordan Times, please contact Mr. Khouri at the Jordan Times offices any day between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. and between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. to make an appointment.

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Larnaca: A weather report

Finally, when other men condemn it's invariably one human creature's condemnation of an equal other. President Sadat's condemnation of Cypriots, as "dwarfs", and Palestinians, as "pygmies", is not less than damnation because it places an impassable chasm between him and them. You could denounce a man for his ideas, methods or actions and you will only be condemning his character because you still allow him to retain or regain his stature as a normal human being. But when you attack a man's physical attributes you negate him. I can think of only two similar examples: Jehovah's damnation of the world in the Torah of the Jews and the witch who with a word turned the prince into a frog. Don't say I didn't warn you if it starts raining frogs in the dwellings of Cypriots and Palestinians.

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the family's now flourishing store where she could have stayed.

"I was lucky to get the right staff from the beginning", Mrs. Zananiri explained. She hopes to be able to raise

Piano shipped from London

She has also written a small but comprehensive booklet on music for beginners, expla-

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Carter pledges drastic action if no coal agreement by weekend

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R). — President Carter has stepped up pressure on management and union to settle the 80-day coal strike which has begun to bite deeply into the U.S. economy. He said he would take drastic action -- possibly by sending troops into the mines -- unless they could reach agreement this weekend. But, despite Mr. Carter's threat, federal mediators said they were not aware that any negotiations would take place today between the United Mine Workers and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

The chances of a negotiated settlement plummeted on Wednesday when the mine owners refused to meet union officials face-to-face to discuss a possible compromise.

The governors of the three main coal-producing states -- Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania -- told Mr. Carter yesterday the country was

facing disaster from the increasingly critical coal shortage. Mr. Carter commented: "This is the last chance for a settlement. I can't wait past the weekend."

Companies starved of fuel have already laid off thousands of workers in the industrial Mid-West, the worst-affected area, and congressional leaders

have said they would back Mr. Carter if he took emergency action.

The most probable option open to the president would be a federal takeover of the mines, possibly involving troops. But this would take several days to become effective since it would need congressional approval.

Union sources said they would not be averse to a federal takeover, as the government would have to set standards for pay and benefits.

West Virginia Governor Jay Rockefeller said after meeting Mr. Carter that the mine owners were responsible for the impasse because they had refused to negotiate on a compromise offer.

This was based on a tentative agreement reached separately between the union and one coal company. The pact included similar pay terms to the offer of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) but cut its proposed penalties for wildcat strikes.

The BCOA wants heavy penalties for unofficial strikes, but is bitterly opposed by the 160,000 strikers in the Appalachian Mountains who often walk off the job when they feel safety is in question.

The BCOA represents 130 major coal companies supplying about half the country's coal. The rest is produced by 2,500 smaller operators.

Israeli seamen's strike enters sixth week causing a loss of about \$12.5m.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — A strike of seamen aboard all Israeli-flag ships entered its sixth week yesterday and shipping circles estimated the loss to the economy at 200 million Israeli pounds (\$12.5 million).

The seamen refused to meet a mediation committee yesterday on the grounds that idle ships were being off-loaded under court order.

The Ministry of Transport has extended requests for court orders for the off-loading of ships to non-essential cargoes.

The strike by officers and ratings is to back demands for higher pay and fringe benefits.

The Zim Israel National Shipping Line, the company mainly affected by the work stoppage, has chartered foreign vessels to move its cargoes.

A company spokesman said that 80 per cent of the cargoes it was due to transport are now being carried in more than 90 foreign ships -- only 20 less than before the strike when the shipping line used both its own and chartered vessels.

Spain's Suarez considers cabinet reshuffle due to economic policy conflict

MADRID, Feb. 24 (AP). — Premier Adolfo Suarez was considering shuffling his cabinet because of disagreements within the government over economic policy, government sources said today.

Mr. Suarez postponed a cabinet session scheduled today, and the sources said he eventually might take over the job of economic czar himself.

The premier had not decided yet whether to accept the resignation of Deputy Premier and Economics Minister Enrique Fuentes Quintana, submitted in writing to Mr. Suarez two days ago.

The premier was said to agree with Mr. Fuentes Quintana's programme. But political sources said the economic minister demanded the resignation of the industry, agriculture and transport ministers, or else he said he would leave.

The chief points of conflict were Fuentes Quintana's proposal to nationalise Spain's high voltage electricity stations and restructure the steel industry.

Mr. Suarez's last cabinet shuffle was in July, 1977 after Spain's first free parliamentary elections in 41 years.

Law of the Sea conference may lose president before bargaining begins

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (R). — The U.N. conference on the law of the sea, moving into a make-or-break stage after four years of negotiations, faces a new problem -- who will preside over the crucial final bargaining sessions.

The 150-member conference resumes in Geneva on March 28, and, unless Sri Lanka has a sudden change of heart, its former representative Mr. Shirley Amerasinghe, who has presided from the start, will not be there.

In a change of governments, President Junius Jayawardene elected in Sri Lanka since the previous session, has replaced Mr. Amerasinghe as permanent U.N. representative with Mr. B. J. Fernando, a prominent civil lawyer.

Asked about the possibility of Mr. Amerasinghe's continuing in the presidency, Mr. Fernando said this was a matter for Mr. Jayawardene. Informed sources said the Sri Lanka leader had rejected several appeals to allow Mr. Amerasinghe to carry on.

Informed sources said Mr. Waldeheim sent an emissary to Colombo last month but Mr. Jayawardene refused to see him.

A move to give Mr. Amerasinghe special status as an adviser or consultant to the secretary-general so he could continue was opposed by Latin American members and was not accepted by all the Asian members, informed sources said.

Venezuela's Mr. Andres Aguilar, former Chief Delegate to the U.N. and a chairman of one of the conference committees, was mentioned as a possible contender for the presidency.

Mr. Satya Nandan of Fiji and

Mr. Tommy Koh of Singapore were also said to be in the running. Mr. Nandan is Ambassador to the European Community in Brussels and was formerly Deputy U.N. Representative. Mr. Koh is his country's chief delegate to the U.N.

Diplomatic sources said unless some way were found to retain Mr. Amerasinghe a bruising fight over the presidency would develop, possibly delaying resumption of the conference for weeks.

People in the News

S. African wins World Press Photo Award

AMSTERDAM, (AP). — Leslie Hammond, a photographer for South Africa's Argus newspaper group, has won this year's World Press Photo Award, worth 5,000 guilders (about £1,160), for 'Teargas Terror', a shot of South African police dispersing black demonstrators. The photograph, taken during the bulldozing of shanty town houses, was among 3,689 submitted by 714 press photographers from 48 countries. The jury was headed by Michael Rand, Editor of the London Sunday Times magazine. The award will be made at a ceremony on April 5 here.

Canada's Fox will not face criminal charges

TORONTO, (R). — Canada's ex-Solicitor General Francis Fox, who resigned last month after admitting an affair with a married woman, will not face any criminal charges, Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry said today. Mr. Fox said when he quit on Jan. 30 that the woman became pregnant and he signed the husband's name on an abortion document. "To launch prosecution in this case would be to bring disproportionately harsh consequences to a person of good character who has already suffered greatly as a result of his act," Mr. McMurtry said. The affair took place before Mr. Fox entered the cabinet.

The Eagles win Grammy Award

LOS ANGELES, (R). — The Eagles rock group won the Grammy Award for best record of the year Thursday night at a music awards ceremony dominated by singer-actress Barbra Streisand and teenage newcomer Debby Boone. The Best Album of the Year Award went to Fleetwood Mac's Rumours which topped the charts for 31 weeks last year. Miss Streisand, 35, was named best female pop star and best song writer. The latter award was for 'Evergreen', the theme song she wrote for her film A Star is Born. Nineteen-year-old Miss Boone -- with her father Pat, a pop singer of an earlier generation, watching her from the audience -- was named best new artist of the year for 'You Light up My Life'.

President Eisenhower's widow seeks admission to army widow's home

WASHINGTON, (R). — Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, the 81-year-old widow of President Dwight Eisenhower, has applied for admission to a home for army widows, a spokesman for the home said Thursday. The staff of the private, non-profit organisation here said Mrs. Eisenhower did not wish to use her position to gain preferential treatment and asked to be placed on a waiting list. Some press reports have suggested the widow of the wartime military leader, who lives on her farm near the historic civil war battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has been refused admittance to the home. The spokesman said Mrs. Eisenhower applied for admission last May, and has signed a contract approved by the home's Admissions Committee.

"Trashbag murderer" escapes execution

LOS ANGELES, (R). — The biggest mass murderer of recent times has narrowly escaped execution in the gas chamber because the crimes were committed during the brief period when California had no death penalty. Kearney, known as the "trashbag murderer" because he dumped victims' bodies beside highways in plastic trash bags, confessed to 32 homosexual killings of boys and young men between early 1975 and mid-1977. He escaped being executed because California dropped the death penalty in 1972 and did not reinstate it until August, 1977 for mass murderers like Kearney. Kearney was found guilty last December of three murders in Riverside County, east of Los Angeles, and was jailed for life. All had been committed before August 1977. This week Kearney pleaded guilty to 18 murders in Los Angeles County.

U.S. bill makes banking more competitive

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R). — The House of Representatives Banking Committee approved a bill which would put foreign banks operating in the United States on a more competitive basis with domestic banks.

Most foreign banks in the United States are subject only to the regulations of the states in which they operate and not the federal rules applying to U.S. banks.

The bill, passed by 46 votes to zero, would allow the Federal Reserve Board -- America's central bank -- to set requirements for money kept on reserve by foreign banks operating in the country.

But the bill would not allow the Federal Reserve to set supervisory regulations for foreign banks.

The bill would authorise the treasury secretary to take into account the treatment by foreign governments of U.S. banks doing business in those countries.

Chrysler lost nearly \$50m. last quarter

DETROIT, Feb. 24 (R). — The Chrysler Corporation, which has suffered from falling sales since last autumn, yesterday said it lost \$49.7 million in the last three months of 1977 and also expected to lose money in the current quarter.

For all of 1977 Chrysler had profits of \$163.2 million, down 61 per cent from its 1976 profits of \$422.6 million.

Sales last year rose 7.7 per cent to \$16.7 billion from \$15.5 billion in 1976.

Chrysler Chairman John Riccardo said that due to substantial costs of new products -- notably its new compact front-wheel-drive Omni and Horizon models and a new car being built in France -- the third largest U.S. vehicle maker would lose money in the first three months of this year.

Despite its weaker performance in 1977, Mr. Riccardo said Chrysler plans to proceed with a five-year, \$7.5 billion modernisation plan for North America and to bring new products onto the market.

In foreign operations, Mr. Riccardo said Chrysler lost \$32.8 million last year, against a profit of \$91.3 million in 1976.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

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Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

News-Features

House approves U.S. participation in Witteveen facility

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R). — The House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill approving U.S. participation in the International Monetary Fund's so-called Witteveen Facility.

But it added an amendment requiring the U.S. executive director of the IMF to oppose loans from the fund that would contribute to deprivation of basic human needs or violations of human rights.

The vote approving the bill was 267 to 125.

The \$10 billion fund, named for IMF Managing Director Johannes Witteveen, will make

ke loans to countries with balance of payments problems because of high prices for imported oil.

The U.S. contribution to the facility would be \$1.75 billion. Seven oil producing countries, including Saudi Arabia and Iran are putting up \$5 billion.

West Germany is contributing \$1.2 billion, Japan \$1 billion and Switzerland \$787 million. Belgium, Canada and Holland will provide the rest.

The bill now goes to the Senate where a similar bill has been approved by the Senate Banking Committee.

Syria gets Saudi loan to build university

DAMASCUS, Syria, Feb. 24 (AP). — Syria got a \$40 million loan from the Saudi Fund for Arab Development to build the nation's third university at the Mediterranean port city of Latakia, Arab diplomatic sources reported today.

The new university is to be called Tichrin, after the 1973 Yom Kippur war. Tichrin is the Arabic word for October, the month Syria and Egypt launched the war against Israel.

Gaza is permitted to set up industrial zone

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — The military government of the occupied Gaza Strip has agreed to a request by Gaza Mayor Rashad Al Shawwa for the use of 25 acres of government-owned land near the town for establishment of an industrial zone, military sources said yesterday.

A number of families who have squatted on the land have been paid compensation and moved elsewhere, municipal sources said.

The mayor had requested the land for the industrial zone in order to remove from the town centre a number of small factories which had been working there for years but which were regarded as a nuisance.



Dealers at the Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Market receive a flood of calls Thursday from tourists wanting to sell dollars. The dollar sank to a record low against the German mark and Swiss franc, reflecting concern about the continuing coal strike and the Carter administration's determination to prop up the dollar. Dealers said the U.S. Federal Reserve intervened only lightly to slow the dollar's slide. (AP wirephoto)

Rolls-Royce discloses 20-year record of secret work on nuclear submarines

Very quietly, and indeed in some secrecy, Rolls-Royce has been working on nuclear submarines for the royal navy for nearly 20 years. Even more interestingly, it transpires that it was the United States navy which picked Rolls-Royce for the job.

By David Fishlock
The Financial Times Science Correspondent

LONDON, (F.T.). — Rolls-Royce, in a bid to break into the market for nuclear power station technology, has disclosed details for the first time of nearly 20 years of association with the royal navy on nuclear submarines. Through a subsidiary called Rolls-Royce and Associates, the company has built no fewer than 16 submarine reactors, and supplied 30 "cores" -- the replaceable heart of the reactor, which includes the nuclear fuel.

The latest addition to Britain's fleet of 13 nuclear submarines, HMS Sceptre, was commissioned Feb. 14. The company has just been awarded its largest single contract ever, for the construction of a new shore-based prototype reactor and demonstration facility in the north of Scotland, alongside a reactor it has run for the navy since 1965.

New reactor

The new reactor will be the fourth generation of British PWR -- the pressurised water reactor, which has caused

so much controversy politically, over the question whether it is the reactor type Britain should be building for its new power stations. Submarines using this latest design of PWR are expected to enter service in the 1990s. Meanwhile, the company has another three reactors already under construction for the navy. Rolls-Royce and Associates is a consortium set up by Ministry of Defence in 1969, to manage the procurement of an American reactor for Dreadnought, Britain's first nuclear submarine. Under a bilateral treaty, Westinghouse Electric, with the blessing of the U.S. navy, was to supply Britain with one reactor and the technology to launch it into the business of building and developing this type of reactor.

The U.S. navy made it clear that it wanted Rolls-Royce to manage the British programme, as the U.K. company whose engineering standards most closely resembled those it believed were needed for the successful manufacture of a highly sophisticated new engine. The consortium consists of 54 per cent Rolls-Royce, with the balance shared equally between Babcock and Wilcox, Foster Wheeler and Vickers.

It manages a total of 400 sub-contractors -- all in Britain -- to build and service the PWRs. But between them the four partners provide more than 50 per cent of the value of a reactor which today costs roughly £10 m. Rolls-Royce itself makes the fuel and builds cores, 23.5 per cent of the value (excluding the highly enriched uranium fuel, supplied by the Ministry of Defence). Foster Wheeler provides the twin 25-ton steam generators, 18.5 per cent of the value. Babcock provides the 50-ton reactor pressure vessel, another 7 per cent. Vickers provides the core barrel, emergency cooler and the complete shipboard installation including shielding and containment.

Rolls-Royce design

Since the original procurement of one reactor and the transfer of Westinghouse technology as it stood at that time, Britain has had no participation in the U.S. navy's reactor development programme. The royal navy's ship department at Bath has delegated the task of development to Rolls-Royce and Associates. As a result, the company has built up a large design and development team near Derby, equipped with Neptune, its own experimental reactor, and with large rigs for the testing of full-scale reactor components and sub-assemblies. In addition, the company

manages HMS Vulcan, the shore-based reactor development facility adjoining the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority's nuclear establishment at Dounreay. The first PWR built in Britain, based on the Dreadnought design, was installed at HMS Vulcan in the early 1960s. The company built half a submarine on the shore -- everything required for propulsion, from the PWR in its reactor compartment amidships through to the stern of the boat.

The first development programme undertaken by the company almost doubled the energy output over the lifetime of a reactor core. The second development programme has almost doubled again the energy output, and in addition fulfilled a tough navy specification for the reduction of noise from the reactor. In a major refit HMS Vulcan has been virtually rebuilt by the company as a prototype of this third generation of British PWR. This reactor has been running successfully for nearly a year, and is expected to enter fleet service in the early 1980s.

New generation of nuclear boats

Next year the consortium will start building the prototype of a fourth generation of British PWR "to meet a more stringent set of military objectives," says Mr. Peter Godwin, Managing Director of Rolls-Royce and Associates. Unlike its developments so far, it will not be possible to

"backfit" this PWR to the existing submarines. It is planned for a new generation of nuclear boats for the 1990s.

Meanwhile, the company has already executed a long run of PWR projects -- one U.S. reactor procured and 15 seagoing British reactors delivered -- to the evident satisfaction of the Ministry of Defence. Demanding as the technology of a nuclear steam supply system undoubtedly is, the reactor has proved one of the most reliable systems on a nuclear boat.

The company believes that ways could now be worked out for placing nearly 20 years' experience of PWR technology -- especially in project control and management, and in quality assurance -- at the disposal of the civil reactor industry. The electricity supply industry has already indicated that it wants to build a big PWR in Britain, starting early in the 1980s, in order to have the technology available as an alternative to the advanced gas-cooled reactor. Its suppliers negotiated a licence with Westinghouse in 1975. But their experience of building the commercial PWR is limited to participation with Westinghouse in the construction of one nuclear station in Korea.

Just as Westinghouse technology accelerated Britain's entry to the nuclear submarine age, so the experience Rolls-Royce and Associates has gained could accelerate a British PWR power station programme.

FAST FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1978

Horoscope by CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Consider the wishes of all with whom you have any contact. Let them know you are willing to cooperate in any project between them. Use precision in work duties.

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You are able to clear up matters with associates quietly now. Many situations that give you a clear picture of what your true self is with others. Be careful in driving.

US (April 20 to May 20) Be precise in whatever you do today and gain the support of others. Take no where money is concerned.

NI (May 21 to June 21) Plan recreation carefully good results. Your creativity is high and you can yourself ideally. Watch reputation.

CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) There is much at home so that you improve conditions and add there. Avoid gossip.

July 22 to Aug. 21) Show special thought for those to be associated with in the future and gain their Get information you need so that you get work efficiently in the future.

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take care of money problems now so that you need not worry so much later. Get possessions in better order also.

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve personality and take steps that you make better impression on others. Be especially and add to your roster of good friends.

NOV (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Give deep thought to what has been puzzling you lately and get the right Reach greater accord with loved one, too. e who can be detrimental to your best interests.

TARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Showing more de-a loved one is wise now. Have a good time with friends, also. Pay more attention to financial affairs as an alternative.

ICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Do whatever will give you an enviable position in your community. Take care matters wisely.

RIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan how you can get life. Meeting persons with backgrounds different a results can yield you fine benefits, knowledge.

S (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take care of mental tasks or consider recreation of any sort. Avoid one who detrimental to your best interests.

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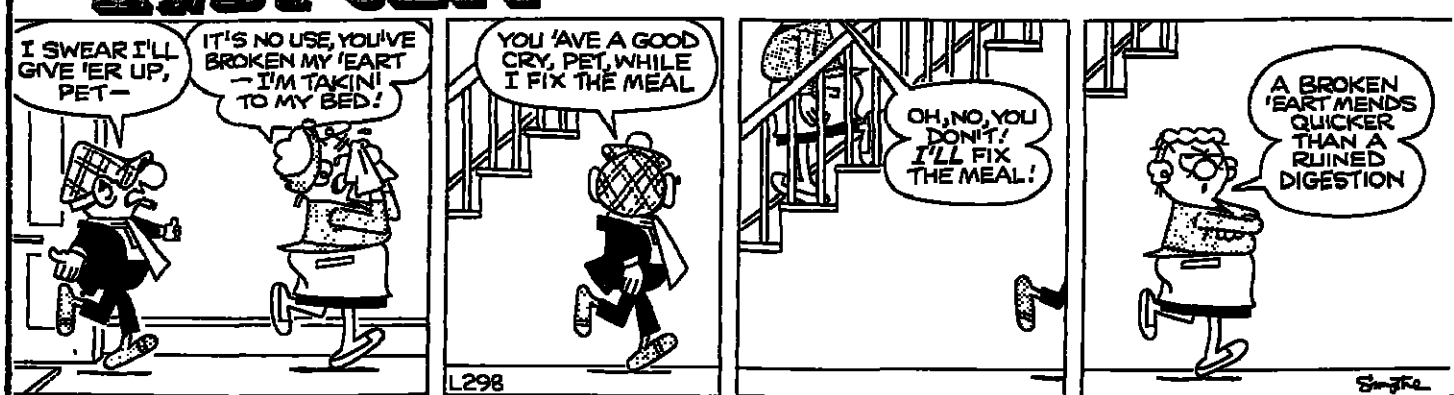
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Immigration is the successful form of flattery.

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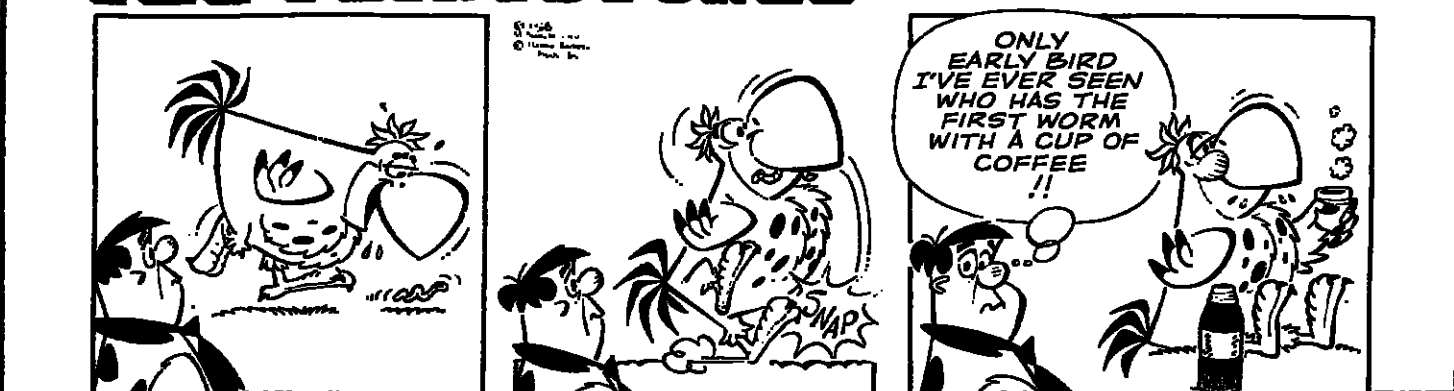
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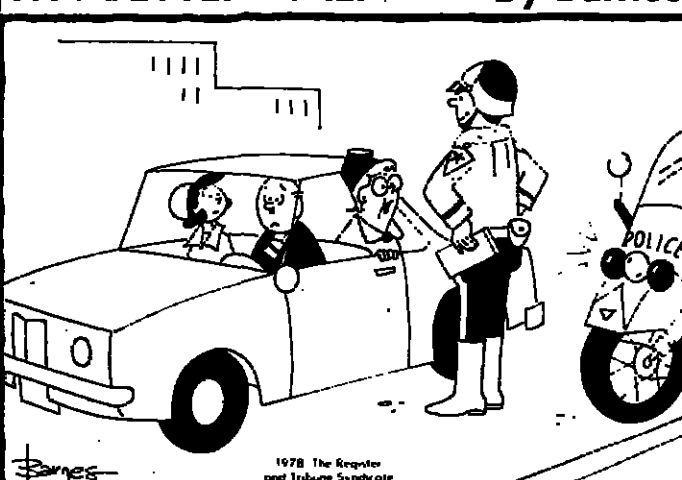
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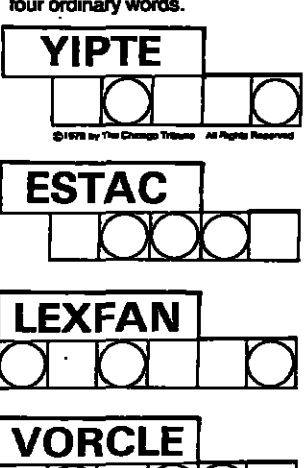
THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



"I know you don't get many laughs in your job, Officer, so let me tell you what Stanley said when he saw your light flashing."

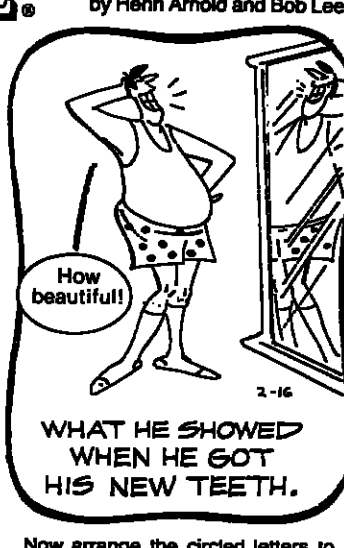
JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: "YIPTE" "ESTAC" "LEXFAN" "VORCLE"

Yesterday's Jumbles: MAUVE CROWN DEPUTY ASTRAY Answer: What no golfer would take lying down - A STANCE



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ Q1062
♥ 10764
♦ K82
♠ 82

WEST
♦ A9875
♥ J
♦ AJ6
♠ J1095

EAST
♦ J4
♥ 53
♦ 9754
♠ A7643

SOUTH
♦ K3
♥ AKQ982
♦ Q103
♠ KQ

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ Pass Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

Declaring at four hearts, South took a line that seemed to offer excellent prospects in view of the bidding. Unfortunately, he overlooked a line that would have virtually guaranteed the contract.

After West's one spade overall was passed back to him, South showed his strong hand and good suit with a jump to three hearts. Holding a ruffing value, a king and four trumps, North had just enough to go on to game.

West led a club to his partner's ace, and declarer won the club return. Trumps were drawn in two rounds

and, since declarer had to lose a spade trick, he concentrated his efforts on trying to avoid two diamond losers. Since West had overcalled in spades, declarer decided that his best chance was to play West for the jack of spades. Accordingly, he led a low spade to dummy's ten, and when East won the jack, the contract was doomed. West had to score his two aces for a one-trick set.

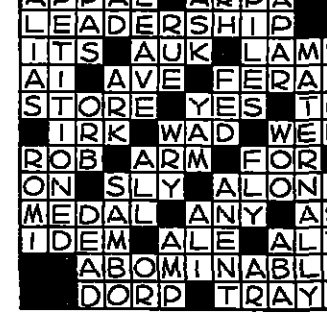
If we presume that West has a five-card suit for his overall, declarer has a sure-trick line for his contract. Have you spotted it?

After drawing trumps, declarer should lead a low spade toward the queen. West cannot afford to rise with the ace. When he plays low, the queen wins. Declarer returns a spade. As it happens, the jack drops and the ten is set up for a diamond discard, but let's suppose that East started with two low spades and West has the jack.

West captures the king of spades with the ace, but he is end played. If he returns a low spade, dummy's ten wins. If he returns the jack of spades, declarer ruffs, enters dummy with a trump and discards a diamond on the ten of spades. Anything else West does is equally futile, for a club return gives declarer a ruff-suff, while a diamond automatically eliminates declarer's second loser in the suit since it is into his Q-10 tenace.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Snow runner
 - Greek long E
 - Bird of hawk family
 - Pronoun
 - Dance step
 - Power
 - Listen
 - Investigated
 - Sooner
 - Windmill sail
 - Attendant
 - Entrepreneur
 - Father: Arabic
 - Drop
 - Sinbad's bird
 - Advocate of realism
 - Plan of action
 - Hank of twine
 - Bengal native
 - Dispossession
 - Salamander
 - Sting
 - Palestine plain
 - Understand
 - Laurels
 - Fashionable
 - Overwhelming amount



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

- DOWN**
- Rider Hag-gard heroine
 - Sheep-killing parrot
 - Anomaly
 - Fencing sword
 - Scot
 - Viper
 - Plains Indian tribe
 - Nevertheless: humorous
 - Drive slanting
 - Determine
 - Highway divisions
 - Anent
 - Brace
 - Diagrams
 - Entrance
 - Bacchanalian cry
 - Worthless: Biblical
 - Obscure
 - Adds liquor
 - Peacock butterfly
 - Realize
 - Subside
 - Passing through
 - Electric particle
 - Person
 - Tibute
 - Cha

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JORDAN TELEVISION

- Channel 3 & 6:**
- 6:00 Quran
 - 6:15 Cartoons
 - 6:30 Arabic programme
 - 7:00 Partidge family
 - 8:00 News in Arabic
 - 11:00 News in Arabic
- Channel 3:**
- 7:30 Agriculture programme
 - 8:30 Arabic series
 - 8:20 Reportage
- Channel 6:**
- 7:30 News in Hebrew
 - 7:45 Filler
 - 8:30 Rhoda
 - 8:00 Variety
 - 10:00 News in English
 - 10:15 Crown Court

RADIO JORDAN

- 7:00 Morning show
- 7:30 News bulletin
- 8:00 Morning show
- 10:00 News headlines
- 10:02 Morning show
- 10:15 Play of the week
- 11:00 Signing off
- 12:30 News headlines
- 12:35 Pop session
- 13:00 News summary
- 13:05 Pop session
- 14:00 News bulletin
- 14:30 Arab scientists
- 14:45 Water ways
- 15:00 Concert Hour
- 16:00 Pop session
- 17:00 French music
- 17:30 Pop session
- 18:00 News summary
- 18:05 Jumping Jack flash
- 18:30 News bulletin
- 18:10 Music
- 18:30 Signing off

EMERGENCIES

- Doctors:**
- Amman: (51012)
 - Fayez Jalloua (42027)
 - Kamel 'Atieh (23640)
 - Irbid: (21107)
 - Mazhar Halabi (2193)
 - Zarqa: (21107)
 - Parab: (21107)
 - Irbid: (21107)
 - Taxi: (21107)
 - Tase (22044)
 - Noel (44332)
- Alibi (21127)**
- Pharmacies:**
- Amman: (22044)
 - Sabbagh (23107)
 - Hayat (24536)
 - Paris (20836)
 - Ghassan (74487)
 - Irbid: (21107)
 - Not received
 - Zarqa: (21107)
 - Al Abiyah

BBC RADIO

- 05:00 News: Press Review
- 05:15 About Britain
- 05:30 Music of Two Cities
- 05:45 World Today
- 06:00 News: Press Review
- 06:30 Terry Wogan
- 07:00 News: News about Britain
- 07:15 From the Weeklies
- 07:30 Do You Remember?
- 07:45 Letter from London
- 08:00 News: Reflections
- 08:15 Europe
- 08:30 Command Performance
- 08:45 News: Press Review
- 09:15 World Today
- 09:30 Financial News
- 09:45 South Riding
- 10:15 About Britain
- 10:30 Matthew on Music
- 11:00 News: News about Britain
- 11:15 Europe
- 11:30 The Influential Moon
- 12:00 Radio News
- 12:15 Jazz for the Asking
- 12:45 Sports Round-up
- 13:00 News: Commentary
- 13:15 People and Politics
- 13:30 Theme and Variations
- 14:00 News
- 14:15 Do You Remember?
- 14:30 What's New
- 15:00 Radio News
- 15:15 Saturday Special
- 16:00 News: Commentary
- 16:15 Saturday Special
- 17:00 News: Summary, Saturday Special
- 17:45 Sports Round-up
- 18:00 News: News about Britain
- 18:15 Radio News
- 18:30 Theatre of the Air
- 20:00 News: Commentary
- 20:15 People and Politics
- 20:30 Command Performance
- 21:00 Sports Today
- 21:15 The Melody Makers
- 21:30 Letter from London
- 21:40 Books and Writers
- 22:00 Reflections
- 22:45 Sports Round-up
- 23:00 News: Commentary
- 23:15 Don't Miss!
- 23:30 Jazz for the Asking

VOICE OF AMERICA

- 05:00 The Breakfast Show: News
- 06:30 News and Now
- 07:00 News: Commentary
- 07:15 Critique Choice
- 07:30 Issues in the News
- 07:45 Special English: News/ Words and their Stories
- 08:00 News: Commentary
- 18:30 Show Music USA
- 19:00 News and Topical Reports
- 19:15 News Horizons
- 19:30 Studio One
- 20:00 Special English: News/ Words and their Stories
- 20:15 The Concert Hall
- 21:00 News and Now
- 21:15 Critique Choice
- 21:30 Issues in the News
- 23:00 World News: Commentary

AMMAN AIRPORT

- Arrivals:**
- 7:40 Cairo (EA)
 - 7:45 Kuwait (KAC)
 - 8:25 Dubai (AZ)
 - 8:45 Beirut (MEA)
 - 9:00 Beirut (AZ)
 - 9:10 Rome (AZ)
 - 10:30 Baghdad
 - 10:40 Bucharest (Tarom)
 - 11:00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
 - 11:30 Cairo
 - 12:00 Paris, London
 - 20:00 Jeddah
 - 20:15 Cairo (EA)
 - 20:30 Kuwait
 - 21:00 Kuwait, Dubai
 - 21:00 Kuwait, Doha (BA)
 - 04:00 London (EA)
- Departures:**
- 6:00 Damascus, Munich, Frankfurt (LH)

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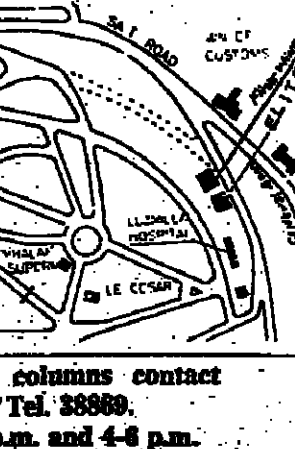
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No nuclear secrets leaked by E. German spies, says Schmidt

BONN, Feb. 20 (AP). — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told a parliamentary committee today no nuclear secrets were compromised by a trio of alleged East German spies operating in the Defence Ministry. Herr Schmidt also testified he remained convinced "major changes in the defence concept are not necessary" in the wake of the spy scandal.

The chancellor was one of several witnesses who have appeared before the committee probing what Chief Federal Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann termed West Germany's biggest post-war spy scandal. Herr Schmidt also testified he was informed of the "serious meaning" of the case two days before the three Defence Ministry employees, Renate Lutze, her husband Lothar-Erwin Lutze and Jürgen Wiegand, were arrested in June 1976.

The case exploded into a major government scandal last December when the Frankfurter Allgemeine reported the trio had stolen up to 1,000 secret documents involving

troop readiness, tactics and NATO assessments of Soviet strength. Defence Minister Georg Leber resigned earlier this month in the wake of the scandal and allegations of illegal wire-tapping by military intelligence agents.

Herr Leber came under fire after telling reporters he was "enlightened" about the scope of the alleged spy ring's activity by the Frankfurt newspaper.

Government spokesman Klaus Boelling told reporters when the story broke that Herr Schmidt was not fully informed of the case until the newspaper report was published in June 1976.

But during his testimony, Herr Schmidt said he was kept informed of important facts in the case although he did not involve himself with all the details of the investigation.

Opposition leaders in the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) have charged the Schmidt government withheld information on the case from the public, the NATO allies and parliament and did not cooperate with an investigation by the Federal Criminal Office.

Government spokesmen have denied the allegations.

Under questioning by Herr Manfred Woerner, defence expert of the CDU, Herr Schmidt said he was unaware his defence minister was in a Munich hospital on the day when the alleged spies were arrested.

The chancellor also said he was not aware that Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was filling in for Herr Leber during his illness.

"It would not have been unusual" for Herr Leber to have not been told of developments in the case while he was in the hospital, Herr Schmidt said.

The three alleged spies are in investigative detention pending their trial, which is expected to begin later this year.

Non-Communist parties join in Peking meet

PEKING, Feb. 24 (R). — The organisation that proclaimed the establishment of Communist China and served as its first parliament met today for the first time in 13 years.

More than 1,800 delegates attended the first session of the Fifth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a united front organisation that met in Peking's Great Hall of the People. It is a consultative body to the government and includes the handful of non-Communist political parties in the country.

Today's session followed a preliminary meeting that elected a 225-member Presidium and endorsed the agenda.

It was attended by the Chinese leadership and chaired by Deputy Premier Teng Hsiang-ping, the New China News Agency said.

At an adjunct meeting yesterday the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist

Party approved the draft of a 10-year economic plan and changes in the country's Constitution.

The measures will be submitted to a session of the National People's Congress, China's rubber-stamp parliament, starting on Sunday.

The six-day Central Committee meeting, which was attended by Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, also approved a report on the work of government.

Chairman Hua told the committee: "The call for... bringing about great order across the land has been fully met and things are going much better than expected."

"Our country has successfully got over the great crisis created by the 'gang of four'."

Four extremist leaders headed by Mao Tse-tung's widow Chiang Ching were purged in October 1976 shortly after his death.

U.K. Tories woo Jewish vote on immigrant issue

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R). — Jewish voters in the East London suburb of Ilford are being wooed this week in the campaign leading up to an important parliamentary by-election -- and becoming embroiled in a controversy about coloured immigration. Political commentators said it was an unusual phenomenon as politicians rarely seek the small Jewish vote in British elections.

But Ilford North is a marginal constituency being fought fiercely by the governing Labour Party and the opposition Conservatives. Labour's Millie Miller won the seat in 1974 by the narrow margin of 788 votes, and her death last year created the by-election, which takes place next Thursday.

The 65,000 constituents of Ilford North include about 7,000 Jews, and also a substantial number of Asian immigrants. On Monday night one of Britain's leading Conservative politicians, Sir Keith Joseph, spoke in Ilford and urged British Jews to back his party's stand in favour of an eventual end to coloured immigration. Last night a prominent Labour M.P., Mr. Ian Mikardo, launched an angry counter-attack against Sir Joseph.

He said Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher's "flirtation with racialism represents a fall in the normal standards of morality in the battle between the main political parties in this country. But Sir Keith Joseph's special appeal to the Jewish electors in Ilford North to join in the anti-immigration campaign is far, far worse -- indeed, it's the lowest of the low," he added.

Mr. Mikardo said most of the Jewish electors in Ilford were descended from immigrants who fled Tsarist Russia early in this century. "The racialists of those days, led by an East London Conservative M.P., attacked that Jewish community in the same terms, almost word for word, as today's racialists use about the Asian communities," he said.

Mr. Mikardo concluded with a bitter attack on Sir Keith, a Jew, who is Mrs. Thatcher's aide for policy and research. "A Jew, appealing to Jews in Keith Joseph's terms, degrades himself, degrades the ethical traditions of the Jewish community, and degrades the decent standards of British political behaviour," said Mr. Mikardo, who is also Jewish.

Inquiry confirms Baader-Meinhof suicide

STUTTGART, West Germany, Feb. 24 (R). — A state parliamentary inquiry into the deaths in jail of three leaders of the Baader-Meinhof guerrilla group last night failed to agree on who should bear political responsibility for the incident.

The inquiry confirmed the official verdict that the three -- Andreas Baader, Jan Carl Raspe and Gudrun Ensslin -- committed suicide last Oct. 18. But it did not accept the

official allegation that defence lawyers had smuggled in the guns used by Baader and Raspe. Gudrun Ensslin was found hanged.

Chief Federal Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann said last month that lawyers Arndt Mueller and Armin Newerla had smuggled guns and explosives into Stammheim Prison inside legal documents. The inquiry went no further than to say this was a possibility.

A majority report by depu-

ties of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) which rules Baden-Wuerttemberg, said the state government bore no responsibility for the deaths.

A minority report by the Social Democratic Party (SPD) and Free Democratic Party (FDP) said the Stuttgart government was politically responsible for the inadequate security measures.

Former Baden-Wuerttemberg Justice Minister Traugott Bender resigned after the dea-

th. State Premier Hans Filbinger stayed on, despite vociferous opposition demand for him to follow his minister's example.

A state official last night told a news conference the inquiry was unanimous in finding that the Stammheim Prison authorities had not adequately controlled prisoners or searched cells.

Moeller has charged that she was attacked by an unknown assailant.

Second Ethiopian Ogaden offensive appears imminent

NAIROBI, Feb. 24 (R). — Ethiopia is believed to be preparing to launch the second phase of its counter-attack against Somali forces in the Ogaden war, diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa said today.

A big increase in convoys taking supplies and men to the front in eastern Ethiopia had been noted, while Addis Ababa residents were last weekend not allowed to buy their fuel needs from petrol filling stations. Fuel supplies were being diverted to vehicles on the roads to the front from the capital and the Red Sea Port of Assab, the diplomats said.

The sources said they had heard unconfirmed reports of an attack on the Assab-Addis Ababa road a week ago but there had been no discernible effect on supplies from the crowded port where much of the \$850 million worth of Soviet supplies sent to Ethiopia in recent months has been unloaded.

Ethiopia's first major initiative in the seven-month war since it secured Soviet backing came on Jan. 21 and 22.

The Ethiopians blasted Somali front line positions in the north and in the east, particularly along the railway line which passes through the town of Dire Dawa on its way

from the eastern city of Harar to Addis Ababa.

Although the Ethiopians took Harar out of the range of big Somali field guns, they made little headway eastwards along the main road to the Somali-held town of Jijiga, according to diplomatic sources in the capital.

Other diplomatic sources say the number of Cuban troops in Ethiopia has risen this month by 1,500 to about 5,000.

These forces are now thought to be in position, in some front lines, they added.

The Cuban force, which the Ethiopian government denies is taking part in the fighting, is to rise to some 8,000 eventually, according to these sources.

Rhodesian deadlock is on

SALISBURY, Feb. 24 (AP). — Legal advisers behind black and white leaders negotiating a majority rule settlement conferred here for the second day today to seek a break in the deadlock.

They are sifting through two sets of proposals -- one from the white minority government, the other from three black nationalist movements -- for the composition, role and lifespan of an interim government leading to black rule.

The advisers to Prime Minister Ian Smith, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Senator tribal Chief Jeremiah Chimureza conferred for an hour yesterday.

The leaders failed to break

Libya: U.S. is terrorist not us

London, Feb. 24 (R). — The Libyan official news agency JANA last night rejected American charges that the Libyan government supports terrorism and denounced the United States as "the main terrorist power in the world". A statement by the agency's political editor accused the U.S. of being "totally immersed in terrorist activities" despite Washington's calls for international cooperation against terrorism.

The agency issued the statement two days after the U.S. State Department asked the Carter administration to order a halt to American maintenance of Libyan military cargo planes because of Libya's alleged support for terrorism.

"It becomes clearer daily that the American government is the main terrorist power in the world as the heads of colonialism, and the enemies of all nations," the Libyan statement said.

It also criticised the U.S. for not speaking out against the Egyptian commando unit at Larnaca Airport in Cyprus.

a new deadlock in almost the months of talks on the envisaged interim government. Meanwhile, Rhodesian guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo in Maputo yesterday for intense discussions with Mr. Bert Mubanga on the developments in Rhodesia.

Nationalist sources in Zim said the two leaders of the Patriotic Front are expected to discuss the internal settlement and consult on steps to step up the bush war against the Smith government.

Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe have refused to participate in the "internal settlement", have vowed to continue guerrilla war even if a majority government comes power.

World News Briefs

Israeli press said distorts police report

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — Israeli Minister of the Interior Yigal Burg yesterday denied press reports that a government-appointed commission investigating organised crime in Israel had alleged criminal leaders. Addressing a meeting of senior police officers yesterday he attacked the local press for what he termed distortions in publishing the commission's report. He said that sections of the report taken out of context damaged the image of the police. Part of the report was devoted to the reorganisation of the police war on crime. Newspapers that published appendices to the published report named 10 to 30 alleged heads of organised and sophisticated crime rings.

Archbishop Capucci not to be replaced

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R). — The Greek Catholic Church under Israeli occupation has decided not to name another clergyman to replace Archbishop Hilarión Capucci, expelled from Israel for serving a prison sentence for alleged aid to Palestinian guerrillas, according to Israel Radio. It said Greek Catholic clergy meeting in Lebanon recently had decided to leave the post of head of the church in Jerusalem vacant for the present. Archbishop Capucci was sentenced to 12 years in prison for alleged gun-running on behalf of Palestinian commandos. He was released from prison at the request of the Vatican and expelled from Israel and Israeli-occupied territories. He is at present in Latin America.

Italy's political violence continues

ROME, Feb. 24 (AP). — Masked youths, believed to be right set fire to two buses and beat up a Communist activist in a last night. Hours later in Milan a powerful blast damaged offices of Italy's largest newspaper, the Corriere della Sera. Police in Rome said the incident occurred after authorities banned a rightist rally on security grounds. A Communist activist, hospitalised with a broken cheekbone, said he was surrounded by a dozen youths and beaten as he was putting up posters. Later, a group of five stopped a bus on the heavily trafficked Nomentana Highway, ordered the driver and passengers at gunpoint to get off, then set it ablaze with firebombs. In Milan bombing, the second against a newspaper this week, Corriere administration offices and adjoining shops and offices were damaged. No one was injured since offices were closed.

China rehabilitates Tibet's Panchen Lama

PEKING, Feb. 24 (R). — The Panchen Lama, once the most important leader in Tibet, has appeared in public after more than 12 years of obscurity. The Panchen Lama, who stood in the Tibetan hierarchy after the self-exiled Dalai Lama has turned up as a delegate to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which opened in Peking today. The Panchen Lama, 40, last received public mention in September 1964 when Tibet became an autonomous region in China. He then disappeared from view in political disgrace.

Illinois Jews seek court over Nazi march

SKOKIE, Illinois, Feb. 24 (AP). — This predominantly Jewish community will appeal a federal judge's ruling striking down last legal barrier to a march by Swastika-bearing Nazis. District Judge Bernard M. Decker ruled yesterday that three large ordinances aimed at preventing Nazi marches violated U.S. Constitution. The ruling paved the way for a "white" demonstration by the National Socialist Party of America small group of Neo-Nazis, unless the appeal is successful. They are morally, ethically and legally bound to take every step at our disposal to have Judge Decker's decision reversed, Mayor Albert J. Smith said. He said the village would ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision. The Nazis, who were sent by the American Civil Liberties Union, have sent a march in Skokie for nearly a year.

Brezhnev's is a cult of septuagenarians

By David Satter

MOSCOW (FT) — For the second time in three years, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has had an unhealthy winter. That the onset of bad weather was affecting him became clear when he failed to show up at the December session of the Supreme Soviet, the nominal Soviet parliament.

The sight of Mr. Brezhnev's empty place in photos on front pages of the Soviet newspapers was a graphic illustration that the aging Soviet leadership is physically fallible and doing nothing to prepare a new generation of rulers.

For most of December and January, Mr. Brezhnev was unseen in Moscow. The only sign that he was still in charge was his signature at the

bottom of published government decrees. The Soviet press did not carry a line of explanation.

Mr. Brezhnev cancelled a scheduled meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda, failed to meet Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and postponed a long awaited visit to West Germany to allow him time to recover from what was dismissed in conversations with official visitors as a mild case of the flu.

The period of illness -- and with it, intense speculation about a possible new Soviet ruler -- came to an end with Mr. Brezhnev's appearance on Jan. 31 at a Kremlin meeting with Polish Prime Minister Jozef Pielarski.

His absence, however, like

The elderly men who run the Soviet government continue to praise and reward each other. The only dynamism which the party leadership seems willing to tolerate is the expansion of the Brezhnev personality cult -- and if Mr. Brezhnev does go he will probably only be replaced by another man of over 70.

an absence for more than a month in late 1975 and early 1976, is an omen that the Soviet leadership, virtually unchanged these last 13 years in personnel as in style, is running out of health and out of time.

Mr. Brezhnev, at 71, is relatively youthful by the standards of the Politburo inner circle. Mr. Alexei Kosygin, Prime Minister and overall director of the Soviet economy, is 73. Mr. Mikhail Suslov, the chief party ideologist and reputed "kingmaker", is 75, and Mr. Andrei Kirilenko,

who deputises for Mr. Brezhnev, is 71.

When Mr. Nikolai Podgorniy, the former Soviet President, was dropped at the age of 74, he was effectively replaced by a former Deputy Foreign Minister, Vassily Kuznetsov, who is 76.

There are several younger Politburo members who might be in a position to move up in the event of a high-level vacancy. Attention focused on them again this winter.

The young men with a future in the Kremlin are con-

sidered to be Mr. Vladimir Shcherbitsky, 59, head of the Ukrainian party, Mr. Fyodor Kulakov, 60, one time head of the party's Agricultural Department, and Mr. Grigory Romanov, the head of the party in Leningrad.

There is no change in the Politburo discernible to an outsider, however, that would suggest one of these men is moving up.

Despite the periodic disappearances of top Kremlin leaders for reasons of health, the Politburo apparently fears the disruption of its delicate power balance that planning for the succession might bring.

The Brezhnev era began in 1964 with a determination by the party to end the wild swings in policy typical of former Premier Nikita Khrushchev and, more basically, to protect against any recurrence of the Stalin terror. It proved as stable as any apparatchik could hope.

By virtually guaranteeing tenure, the Brezhnev leadership increased the average age of the Central Committee as a whole from 52 in 1961 to 61 today. Almost 90 per cent of the Central Committee members elected at the 25th Communist Party Congress in 1976 were re-elected to posts they held at the 24th congress in 1971, a sharp contrast with the high turnover under Khrushchev and Stalin.

Only five Politburo members have been dropped in 13 years, usually for being ambitious or assertive. Kremlin watchers waited for years for circumstances to break up this alignment and create high-level openings into which potential Soviet leaders could be moved.

Lost opportunities

There have been three such possibilities in the last 18 months but in each case, the Politburo gave new evidence of its petrification by seeing to it that such change as did occur diverged as little as possible from the status quo.

The first unrealised opportunity for change came with the illness in the summer of 1976 of Mr. Kosygin, who was out of public view for three months.

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